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In re application of: : Examining Group: 3617
Tidrick & Eaton : Examiner: D. Bucci
Serial No.: 08/861,326 : Date: July 24, 1998
Filed: May 21, 1997 :
For: POWERED WHEELCHAIR RAMP FOR MINIVANS

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 19, 1998,
kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the claims:

7 (Amended). A minivan adapted for wheelchair
access by a ramp attached to the minivan, said minivan
comprising:

[an electric] a motor [mechanically] coupled to the
ramp for raising [and] or lowering the ramp; and
energy storage means [mechanically] coupled to the
ramp for reducing the force needed to raise or lower the

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